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"Eight large expeditions fitted out by the Council for the Study of Productive Forces and Resources will be exploring various thus far little explored areas of the Soviet Union this year. Early next month one of these expeditions is leaving Moscow for the southern part of the Krasnoyarsk area in the environs of Kuznetsk and the Gora Antsyferovna Region, in search of minerals, iron ore in particular, and for elaborating improved methods of agriculture in Siberia.

"The largest of the above eight expeditions will start field work in May. Its task is to evolve improved methods of utilization of water resources and fallow lands in the Kazakh Area Republics and in southern Kazakhstan. Future canal projects to cross the Kara Kum Desert will make fertile a vast area of three or four million hectares of presently uncultivated land.

"The multi-scific expedition fitted out to the northern Caucasus has been assigned the task of finding out possibilities of utilization of minerals to be found on northern slopes of the Caucasian range.

"Other expeditions will be continuing the work they had started in Azerbaijan and in the northwestern corner of the country. One expedition is being fitted out to explore the Black Sea coast with the purpose of demarcating areas to be cultivated to provide food supplies for local health resorts." (TASS, IN ENGLISH MORSE TO NORTH AMERICA, 22 April 1948)

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